
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL.

1 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Legislature, pursuant to Senate
2 Concurrent Resolution No. 45, House Draft 1, requested that the
3 Legislative Reference Bureau study the impact of invasive
4 species on the State and its economy; and
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6 WHEREAS, in response to the concurrent resolution, the
7 Legislative Reference Bureau submitted its report, "Filling the
8 Gaps in the Fight Against Invasive Species" to the 2002
9 Legislature; and
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11 WHEREAS, as part of its study, the Legislative Reference
12 Bureau recommended that a state invasive species
13 coordinator/administrator position be established to spearhead
14 the State's invasive species eradication and mitigation efforts;
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17 WHEREAS, in response to this recommendation, the
18 Legislature instead established the Hawaii Invasive Species
19 Council; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council's purpose is
22 to provide policy level direction, coordination, and planning
23 among state departments, federal agencies, and international and
24 local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful
25 invasive species infestations throughout the State and for
26 preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may
27 be potentially harmful; and
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29 WHEREAS, attached to the Department of Land and Natural
30 Resources for administrative purposes, the Hawaii Invasive
31 Species Council consists of voting representatives from the



1 Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Department of
2 Agriculture; the Department of Business, Economic Development,
3 and Tourism; the Department of Health; the Department of
4 Transportation; and the University of Hawaii; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council also allocates
7 funding to projects for invasive species control, prevention,
8 outreach, and planning; and
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10 WHEREAS, legislative appropriations are the Hawaii Invasive
11 Species Council's only source of funding for projects; and
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13 WHEREAS, the process to fund an invasive species project
14 includes submitting a proposal, discussion of proposals at
15 informal meetings of working groups, quantitative reviews, and a
16 formal public meeting and vote of the Hawaii Invasive Species
17 Council; and
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19 WHEREAS, given the major threat to Hawaii by invasive
20 species and the number of parties that are members of the group,
21 it is crucial that the Hawaii Invasive Species Council be
22 administered efficiently; and
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24 WHEREAS, given the many competing issues involved when
25 addressing invasive species, it is crucial that the Hawaii
26 Invasive Species Council's strategy for allocating funding to
27 projects be efficient, cost-effective, and not used to solely
28 mitigate, but if feasible, eradicate invasive species; now,
29 therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
34 requested to perform a financial and management audit of the
35 Hawaii Invasive Species Council; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of the financial audit, the
38 Auditor is requested to investigate the efficiency of the
39 Council's funding allocation strategy to mitigate or eradicate
40 invasive species; and
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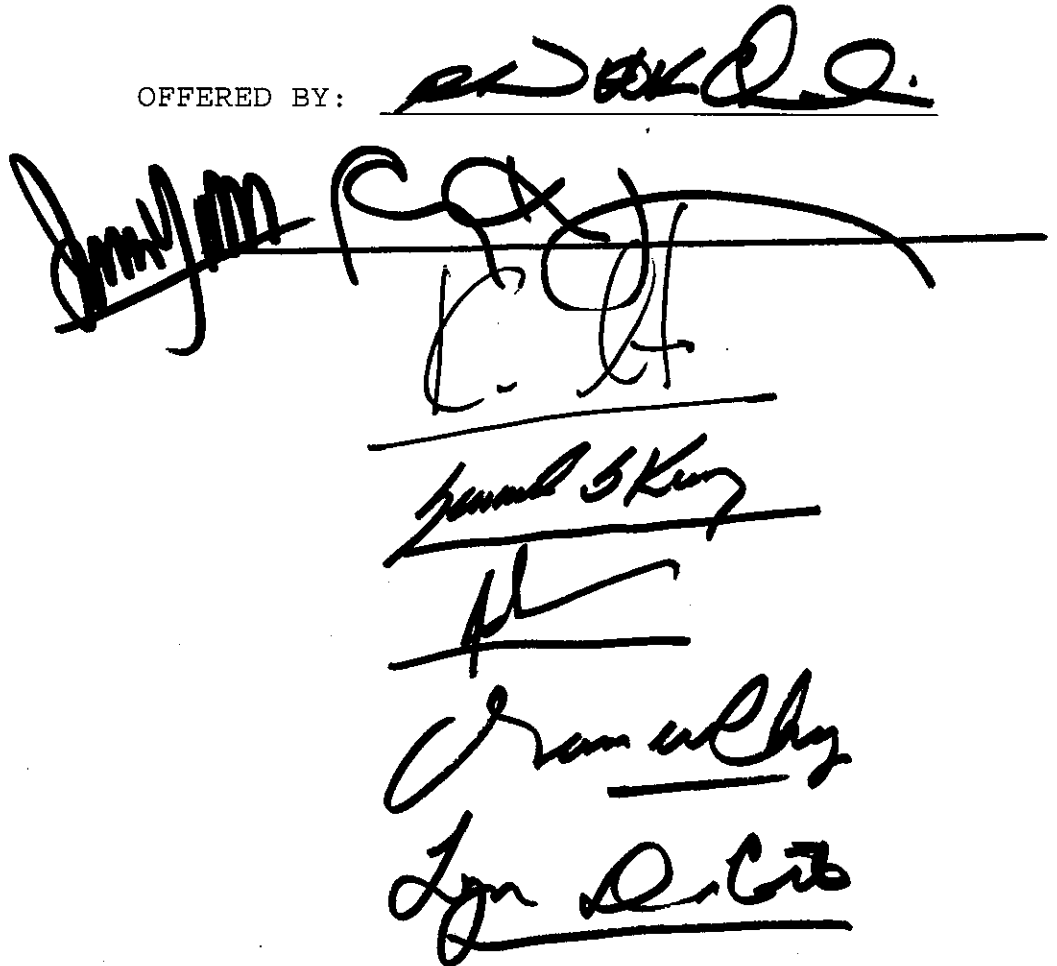
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the audit, the
2 Auditor is requested to make a determination on whether the
3 Hawaii Invasive Species council's current strategy of funding as
4 many mitigation projects as possible as opposed to focusing on
5 fewer projects that would eradicate an invasive species is cost-
6 effective; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Auditor is requested to submit a
9 report of any findings or recommendations, including any
10 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
11 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
15 members of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council.
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OFFERED BY:



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